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SUBJECT: INDO-IRANIAN NUCLEAR RELATIONS

REF: TOKYO 18104, NEW DELHI 17126

ALL MAJOR NEWS MEDIA HAVE CARRIED DETAILS OF THE NEWS CONFERENCE  
HELD BY DR. AKBAR ETEMAND, IRAN'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND  
CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION HELD AFTER HIS  
TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE IAEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA.  
SALIENT POINTS ARE:

1. IRAN WILL SEEK INDIAN HELP FOR TRAINING OF HER NUCLEAR EXPERTS,  
FOR ESTABLISHING NUCLEAR RESEARCH LABORATORIES AND FOR  
EXPLORATION OF URANIUM. IN DUE COURSE INDIA AND IRAN WILL  
DECIDE ON SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD.

2. IRAN IS NOT INTERESTED IN INDIAN HELP IN BUILDING NUCLEAR  
POWER PLANTS SINCE IRAN HAS OPTED FOR OTHER THAN CANDU TUPE  
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POWER REACTORS AND THEREFORE WILL ALSO NOT REQUIRE HEAVY

WATER. IRAN PLANS TO COMMISSION 23 NUCLEAR PLANTS WITH A TOTAL INSTALLED CAPACITY OF 23,000MW BY 1994 AND THEREFORE NEEDS INDIAN HELP TO BUILD UP THE NECESSARY R AND D INFRASTRUCTURE OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS.

3. BASISES RESPECTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY(NPT) AND INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY(IAEA) SAFEGUARDS IRAN WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS, ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM. IRAN HAS NOT YET CONSIDERED PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS BUT WILL NOT RULE THEM OUT ALTOGETHER. IRAN IS NOT INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING FACILITIES FOR RECOVERY OF PLUTONIUM FROM SPENT FUEL FROM HER POWER REACTORS.

4. ETMAND HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE INDIAN ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ATOMIC ENERGY. HE VISITED ATOMIC ENERGY ESTABLISHMENTS AT TROMBAY, TARAPUR, KALPAKKAM AND HYDERABAD. SAXBE UNQTE KISSINGER

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